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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *Gail Farber*  
Director of Public Works

### **EDMUND D. EDELMAN CHILDREN'S COURT SHUTTLE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TOP-OF-POT TRANSIT FUNDS CONTRIBUTION**

On February 8, 2011, your Board instructed Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to evaluate all Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot (TOP) transit funding allocations, including the Children's Court Shuttle service. On January 10, 2012, your Board approved an annual contribution of \$79,000 in Proposition A Local Return TOP transit funds toward the annual expenditure for the Children's Court Shuttle service, estimated at \$236,000, with the remaining \$157,000 to be financed by the Sheriff's, Fire, and Children and Family Services Departments beginning January 1, 2012. This allocation of costs was based on a survey of the shuttle service riders conducted in March 2011.

To validate the previous survey results, Public Works conducted a 3-day passenger survey in April 2012. The survey indicated that an average of 42 percent of the passengers use the shuttle service to attend personal court business at the Children's Court or transfer to other transit services. The remaining 58 percent of the passengers use the shuttle service to reach their employment destination at the Sheriff's and Fire Departments and the Children's Court.

The cost associated with the 42 percent of passengers using the shuttle service for court business or to transfer to other transit services qualifies for the use of Proposition A Local Return transit funds. Adjusting the contribution of Proposition A Local Return TOP transit funds to 42 percent increases the annual TOP contribution by \$20,000 to \$99,000. The remaining \$137,000 estimated annual cost will be financed by the Sheriff's, Fire, County Counsel, and Children and Family Services Departments.

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There is sufficient TOP funding available for this revised allocation. There will be a Net County Cost savings for the Sheriff's and Children and Family Services Departments and a Net County Cost impact to the Fire Department and County Counsel. Overall, there will be a Net County Cost savings of \$20,000 annually. The contributions for the annual expenditure for the Children's Court Shuttle service starting Fiscal Year 2012-13 are:

	EXISTING		FY 2012-13	
Prop A Local Return Top-of-Pot	33.5%	\$ 79,000	42%	\$ 99,000
Sheriff's	29.2%	69,000	21%	49,000
Fire	5.1%	12,000	7%	16,000
County Counsel	0.0%		2%	5,000
Department of Children and Family Services	32.2%	76,000	28%	67,000
		\$236,000		\$236,000

We will be placing an item on the July 31, 2012, Board meeting agenda for the award of a new transit contract for the Children's Court/Los Nietos Shuttle service. As part of this item, we will request approval of the increased TOP contribution effective July 1, 2012. We are also advising the above Departments of the proposed changes to their annual costs.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office  
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